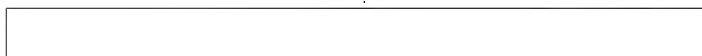


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DAILY BRIEF
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1. South Vietnam

Ky's main duty in the new government will be rooting out corruption and incompetence, Thieu told an American official yesterday. In pursuing this objective, Ky would use the authority of the president and would be empowered to investigate the province chiefs. Thieu admitted such a role "will necessarily involve more power than what is provided for in the constitution."

A couple of high province officials in Quang Ngai got into trouble yesterday with Revolutionary Development workers. Corruption in the provincial government appears to be behind the incident, although political factionalism may also have played a part. In any event, the two officials got their heads shaved--a sign of disgrace.

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Truong Dinh Dzu was released from prison yesterday morning. The defeated presidential candidate had been arrested last Friday. He still remains under sentence for illegal financial activities.

2. Yemen

The Yemeni republicans are screaming "sell out" over the withdrawal of Egyptian troops (over 700 have already left). On Tuesday, a demonstration protesting the withdrawal grew into a riot in which the Egyptians killed five Yemenis and wounded 25 before restoring order. Such antics are unlikely to deter the Egyptians, who now plan to finish the evacuation by 1 January.

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3. Communist China

Further analysis of Sunday's National Day celebrations strengthens our impression that a shift in the Peking power balance has occurred.

Military figures, including many who had been out of view for a year and some who have been under political attack, were given unusual prominence. The Cultural Revolution group, given high billing during most of the year, was not even mentioned.

High-level political and military meetings appear to have been going on for some days now. As best we can reconstruct things, some sort of policy turn was made in late August and these meetings are to pass the new line and implement a drive for social order.

4. Soviet Union

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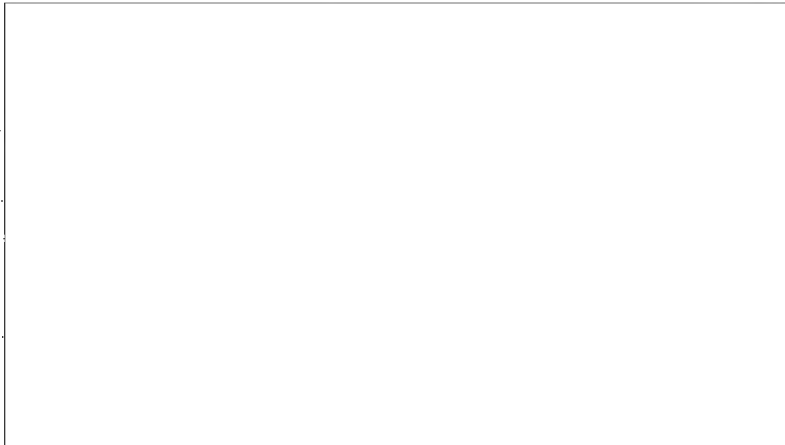
5. Nigeria

Enugu apparently fell to federal forces yesterday, and Ojukwu and other top Biafran leaders have dropped out of sight for the moment. Guerrilla resistance will probably continue, but some Ibo officers may now be in the mood to dump Ojukwu and negotiate with Lagos.

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6. Egypt

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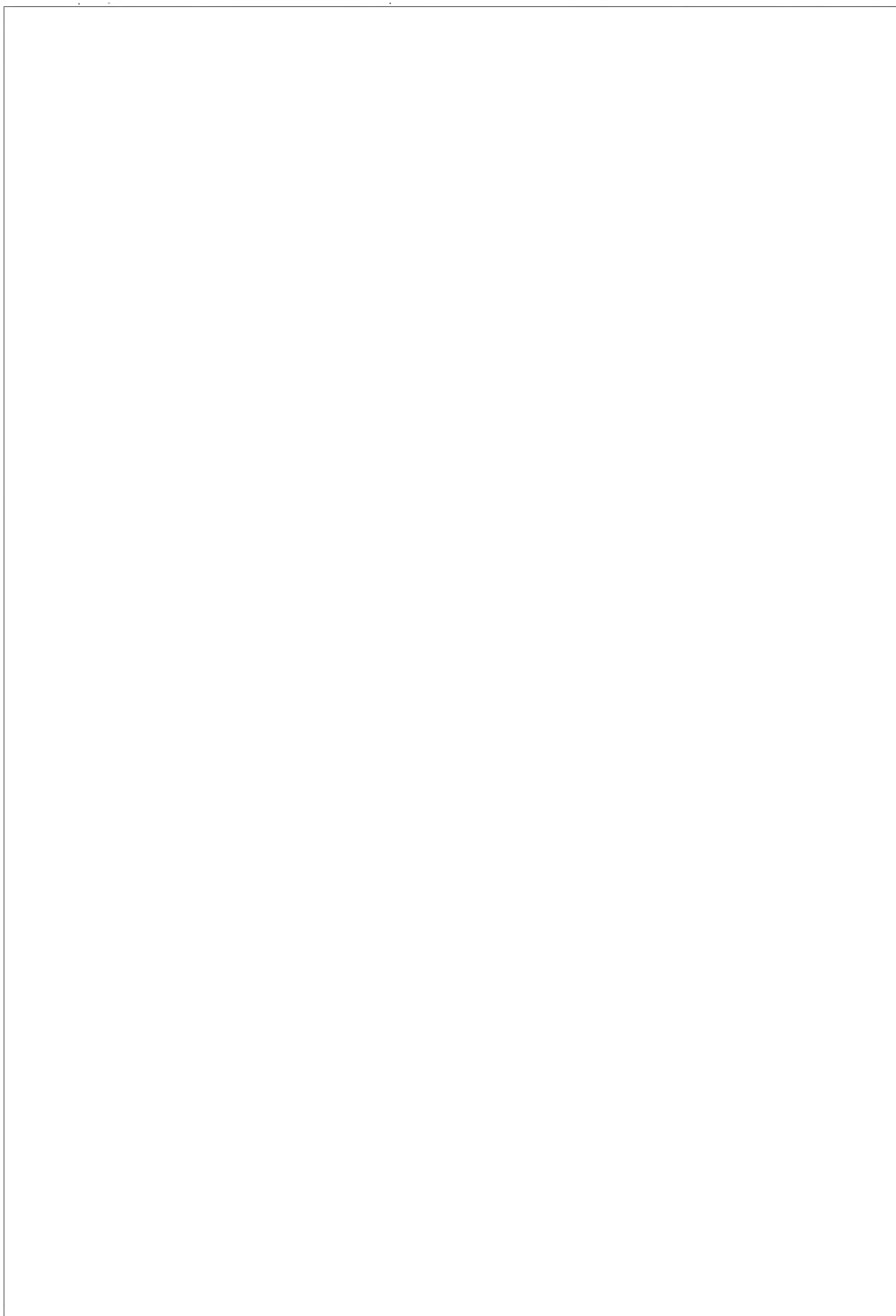
7. Cameroon

The army has no money for its usual large scale anti-insurgent operations during the rainy season now at hand. Expenditures for the quarter were locked into the government's new computer by its French keeper, who then left for leave in Paris. No one else in the country knows how to readjust the Monster--which keeps rejecting frantic requests for extraordinary expenditures.

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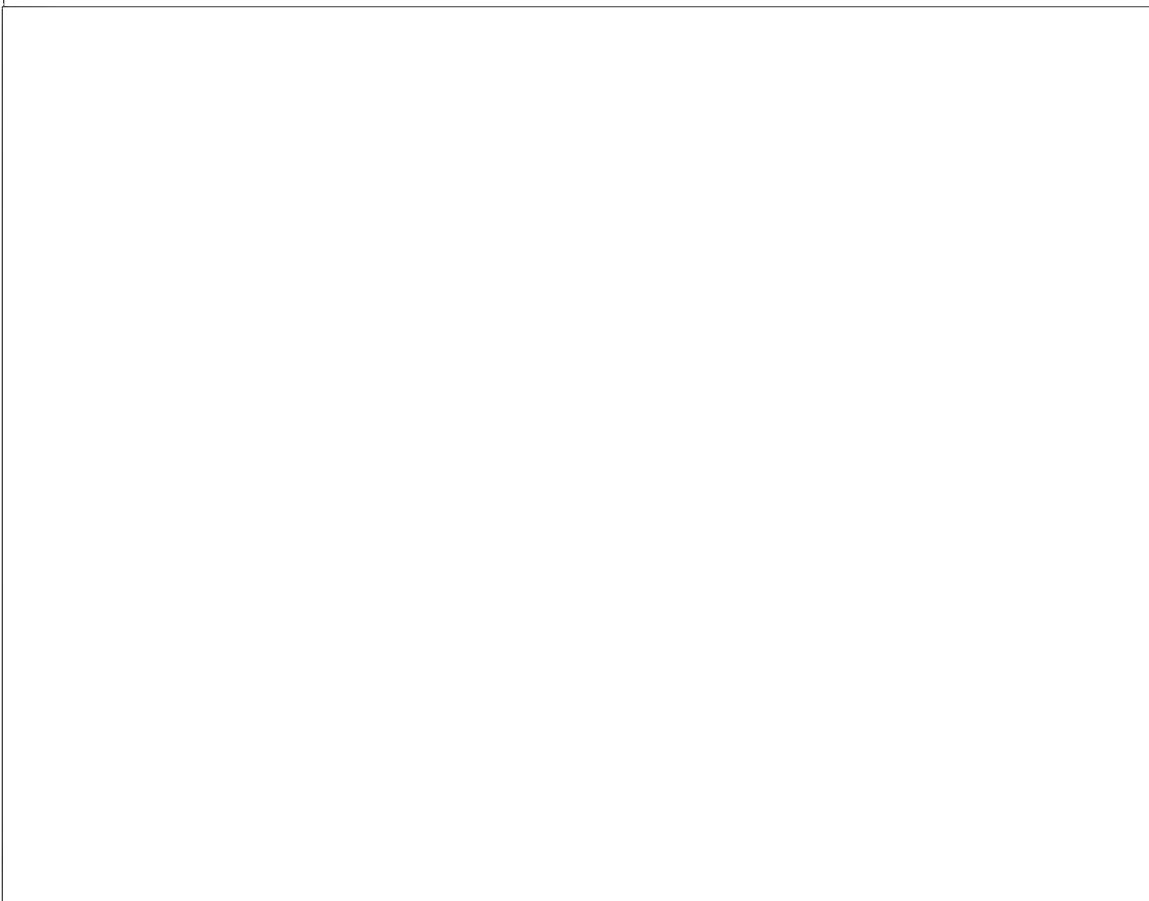
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